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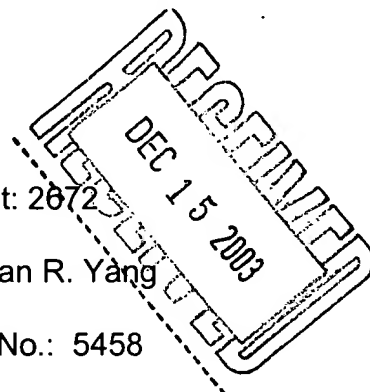
Toshihiro NAGOSHI et al.

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An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on April 30, 2003. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the document was considered by the examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and of the post card that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

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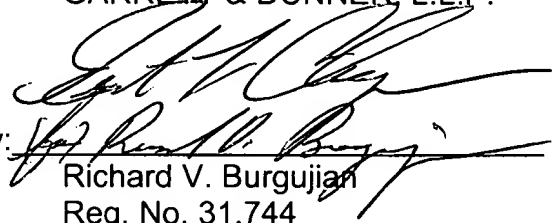
The examiner is respectfully requested to send us a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449, which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the document was considered by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
2. PTO Form 1449 (with 1 attached document); and
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner an Office Action from the Japanese Patent Office dated July 7, 2002, listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

A copy of the document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making the appropriate notation on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

The enclosed Japanese Office Action discloses the following comment regarding a videogame entitled "Tales of Phantasia", which is a videogame released in December 15, 1995 for Nintendo's Super Famicom by Namco, Ltd.:

"In the cited reference which is a game software for Super Famicom, an effect is realized in which footprints are displayed upon [a character] walking on the snow, and they disappear with the progress of time."

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed document is material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the document as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited document does not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicant reserves the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such a document.

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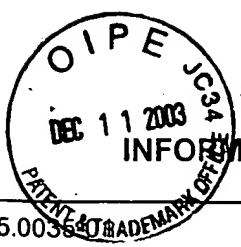
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